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MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2008

A meeting of the Idaho Statewide Interoperability Executive Council (SIEC) was held on this date at Gowen Field Building 440 Room 275. Chair Lockwood called the meeting to order. Attendees and guests introduced themselves. A full quorum was not present.

Members Present:

- Chair, R. Mark Lockwood, Idaho Chiefs of Police Association
- Vice-Chair, Lorin Nielsen, Idaho Sheriffs Association
- Michael Candelaria, United States Dept. of Interior
- Dia Gainor, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
- Dean Hagerman, Idaho National Guard
- Mary Halverson, Bureau of Homeland Security
- Steve Steiner, Proxy for Bill Shawver, Bureau of Homeland Security
- Chris Wright, Fish and Game - Proxy for Jon Heggen
- Michele Carraras, State Communications Manager
- Dodie Collier, SIEC Project Manager
- Jackie Frey, President of the Idaho Emergency Managers Association
- Judy Nuxoll, Bureau of Homeland Security
- Lorraine Elfering, Canyon County Sheriff
- Ed Emmel, City of Boise
- Todd Herrera, Canyon County Sheriff's Office
- Matt Howarth, Motorola
- Gary Stengel, Nezperce Cty, phone bridge
- Jeff Shinn, OPE, phone bridge
- Steve Williams, INL, phone bridge

Others Present:

- Bruce Bowler, Madison County

REVIEW & APPROVE MINUTES—CHAIR LOCKWOOD

Meeting began at 9:00 with Chair Lockwood greeting attendees on phone bridge. Dodie Collier pointed out corrections made to December meeting minutes. Jay Christiansen was in attendance as proxy for Shannon Cluney

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR MOU

Candelaria gave a presentation regarding an MOU between DOI and SIEC. This issue was brought before the Council in 2007. Lockwood suggested going thru the legal department to set guidelines for language then return the document to the Council at the March meeting for approval.

FUNDING SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

This update was set over to the March meeting.

OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

OPE Report

Lockwood will review the draft report before presentation by OPE to the Legislature March 17. He will comment on behalf of the SIEC. Lockwood asked for any comments/additions from the Council.

TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Sheriff Nielsen gave a presentation on the Idaho Statewide 700 MHz Study.

As requested by Chair Lockwood at the January meeting, Nielsen provided maps outlining current 700MHz coverage by mobile equipment (in vehicles) as well as with hand helds. The SIEC mission is for Idaho's local governments to share the infrastructure/backbone creating coverage of populated areas of the state.

Lockwood described how the \$300 million figure/estimate for cost of creation of the backbone was developed, and how that figure could be far less with all of the investments made since that time. Plans are in place to install state funded equipment this summer, weather permitting.

Lockwood brought up the 2008 Invitational Special Olympics – Michele Carraras gave an overview of itinerary. 500 athletes will be competing from Feb 20th to the 29th. Consoles and software upgrades are needed along with equipment installation. A patch will be available to connect equipment not currently included in the 700MHz system. Matt Howarth from Motorola gave an update on installation of equipment and delays because of funding.

Collier gave a presentation on CTA. The assessment is going well. The statewide interviews have been completed, now the survey is being circulated. The information collected from this survey is not meant to be redundant to the information collected during the interview process, but rather to supplement and clarify the information gathered during the interviews. This data will also be used statistically to allow performance of a better analysis of the current and future interoperability communications throughout the State of Idaho.

E911 COMMISSION BRIEFING

Eddie Goldsmith with the E911 Commission updated the Council on HB447. The legislation had been approved by the House with a 6 year sunset clause added and is being forwarded to the Senate. Goldsmith is going to Washington DC for a 911 caucus to add money to the 911 funding currently under discussion on the Hill. Nielsen expressed concern about the sunset clause; Goldsmith said the bill probably wouldn't pass without it. The goal at this point is to get to Phase 2, future plans have not been solidified beyond that. Goldsmith will be lobbying heavily on the Federal level for grant funding. He mentioned that 17 of Idaho's PSICs are Phase 2 compliant. Lockwood mentioned that the SIECs sunset clause is set for 2009.

OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

Steve Steiner talked about microwave capacity increasing by 25%. Thirteen mountaintops will be upgraded this summer. Some of the state PSIC sites will be upgraded without redundancy. John Parker will be in charge of mountaintops and buildings housing the equipment.

Lockwood opened the meeting to comments from the attendants. Jackie Frey asked about inclusion of the IEMA in SIEC planning meetings. Lockwood said the matter would be discussed in the March meeting.

Nielsen Moved and Heggen seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30.